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Pine Springs landfill gets a pass

Leaching of contaminants within acceptable limits, not of concern

By Lisa Harrison

The 2011 annual monitoring report for the Algonquin Highlands Pine Springs Waste Disposal Site shows that leachate indicator parameters exceeded recommended levels at some sampling stations, but operations manager Mike Thomas advised council this is not cause for concern.

At the May 17 Algonquin Highlands township meeting, Thomas presented the draft report by consultant Cambium Environmental to council for approval. The final report will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE). Annual reporting is an MOE condition of approval for operating a waste disposal site.

Cambium's report shows leaching of various elements fluctuated and in some cases exceeded recommended levels at some groundwater and surface water sampling stations on the property.

At some stations, parameters were exceeded but triggers were not activated as the results were consistent with historical trends and no increasing trend was evident. At other stations, elevated concentrations of elements appeared to be naturally occurring. At three sampling stations this was attributed to the high organic content of the surrounding peat.

Cambium reported the water quality at downstream surface water sampling at one station showed elevated concentrations of iron, aluminum and low pH, but these appeared to be occurring naturally and the station did not appear to be adversely impacted by the landfill operations.

The consultant also reported that waste had been filled outside the landfill boundary at the north end of the property.

Deputy Reeve Liz Danielsen expressed concern about both the leaching and the out-of-bounds waste disposal.

Thomas assured council the site is monitored closely twice a year according to the MOE specifications and the leaching is "well within our boundaries for our own property, it's very



Photo by Heather Kennedy

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) Improv team presented a *Whose Line is it Anyway?* style improv show alongside a troupe from Durham Improv on May 18. Patrons were treated to a night filled with music and laughter, as students and pros mingled on stage. The event, held at the Wild Moose, helped raise proceeds to support the HHSS students improv team. Back Row (left to right) students Matt Sexsmith, Mark Christie, Ryot Munshaw. Front Row (left to right) Anthany Nesbitt, Kat Coneybeare, Alex Kocot and Ray Gervais.

minor and it's naturally occurring, a lot of it is not from the operations."

He said that if any leachate exceeds MOE parameters, focus is placed on that area to ensure it returns to approved levels.

Thomas also noted relocating the out-of-bounds waste was a high priority for the operations department.

Cambium recommended in its report that groundwater and surface water monitoring programs continue in 2012 as conducted in 2011, with some changes.

They suggested reducing the frequency of VOC (volatile organic compounds) analysis at one of the sampling stations to once every five years, as VOC levels at that station were lower in 2011 and historically.

After each sampling event, Cambium recommended closely monitoring the stations with higher levels of conductivity and

hardness to ensure stability as well as no increasing trend in either nitrate or sulphate.

They also said to expand the topographic survey around one sampling station to help confirm gradients and flow directions in specific areas, and to relocate waste filled outside the boundaries to the licensed area and install additional stakes or fencing to prevent future waste placement outside the boundary.

Based on remaining capacity and current average fill rates, Cambium estimated that Pine Springs has 23 years of site life remaining.

Council concurred with the report recommendation and authorized Cambium to submit the report to the MOE on the township's behalf.

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BIA hires new Colourfest coordinator

By Mark Arike

She's retired, but that doesn't mean she's taking it easy.

At the beginning of May, community volunteer Gail Stelter found out she was the successful applicant chosen to be the new coordinator of Colourfest for 2012.

"I was interested in Colourfest when it was first advertised a couple of years ago," said Stelter, who was hired by a committee of the Haliburton Village BIA (Business Improvement Area) for the contract position.

"When I saw it [the position] come up I thought, 'perfect, I would like to do that and be involved at the community level.'"

Although Stelter has never volunteered at the one-day event which takes place in Haliburton, she has experience volunteering and working with several local organizations. After retiring as a principal with the Halton Catholic District School Board six years ago, she became a full-time Highlands resident in 2008. She did a bit of consulting work before settling in to her first volunteer position with Canoe FM four years ago.

"I just loved listening to Canoe as a seasonal resident. I thought it would be great fun and a way to give back to the community," said Stelter, who admits she intended to gain some personal fulfillment from her on-air hosting duties.

A year later she took on another volunteer opportunity with Food for Kids, a student nutrition program serving Haliburton County. She is now chair of the program's steering committee.

"When I got involved with Food for Kids, it was mostly for the kids," she said.

Two years ago, Stelter was hired by the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands as the education coordinator for the Artists in the Schools program. She also is a contract consultant for Point In Time.

"I think by nature I'm a person who likes to keep busy and likes to be involved in

their community. I have fallen in love with the Highlands and it's very natural for me to extend myself in this way," said Stelter.

"She had some good qualifications," said BIA chair Luke Schell. "She's got some great ideas and I think she's going to be excellent."

Stelter believes Colourfest is a great event because of its focus on local talent, people, groups and organizations, and of course, the fall season.

After being hired, Stelter met with the festival's organizing committee to run them through a "Stop, Start, Continue" activity and a visioning activity to get their feedback.

"Through those activities, I learned about the kinds of things they'd like to see continue and what types of things they would like to see added," she said.

Although the festival's entertainment still needs to be lined up, Stelter "is putting out some feelers."

"We certainly want to have local entertainment, the pancake breakfast, corn roast, buskers on Highland St., emcees... all those things are in the works," she said.

It is her goal to bring more contests to the event, such as hot dog eating or pie eating contests. Last year's pumpkin weight guessing contest is expected to make its return.

"It's going to be a fun, family event," said Stelter. "People from near and far will want to come to it, be part of it and want to come back again."

The event, she said, also helps stimulate the local economy by attracting visitors into the downtown core.

Stelter would like to see for this year's event is more participation from not-for-profit groups, community organizations, clubs and schools. She is encouraging anyone interested in volunteering to attend a meeting on June 5 at 7 p.m. at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library.

This year's Colourfest will take place on Saturday, Sept. 29. For more information visit www.colourfest.ca.



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The unknowns of a pool and rec centre

Parties to meet about their involvement on project

By Mark Arike

Until members of the County Swimming Pool Initiative (CSPI) meet with the YMCA on June 6 and a future market demand feasibility study is completed, not all of the questions about a future pool and recreation centre for Haliburton County can be answered.

"It is unknown exactly what the YMCA's involvement will be," said committee member Harvey Bates in a phone interview. "The meeting will help determine what they have to bring to the table and what we, as a county, have to bring to the table. There are no commitments of any kind at this point in time. That's normal for the stage that we're at."

The CSPI sought the participation of the YMCA, a charity dedicated to the health of individuals and communities, because of concerns of financial sustainability of such a large facility.

"With the YMCA's strength in leadership and capacity in facility design, construction, programming, staffing and fundraising, their involvement significantly increases the likelihood of long-term sustainability for this project," stated a document from the pool committee.

Although the committee has discussed possible locations for the pool and recreation centre, a site has not yet been chosen. The committee does, however, have an idea of what they'd like to see for the centre.

"What we want is a multi-use space," said Bates.

The wish list includes a six or eight-lane pool and a fitness facility complete with treadmills, cross trainers, pneumatic weights and other equipment. Courts for sports and meeting rooms could also be part of the complex.

Bates said a splash pool would be ideal for children who are in the process of learning how to swim.

"That is also going to stop people from

leaving this area to swim. We have a number of families that leave the Haliburton area to swim," he said.

This means dollars that could be spent in the county are going elsewhere.

"We need to consider all those stops that people are making along the way [to their destination]," he said, listing grocery stores, gas stations and clothing stores.

Recently, the committee managed to raise the \$35,000 needed to conduct a market demand feasibility study. A company will be hired to conduct the phone study, which will survey residents in the area to determine their wants and needs. Bates predicts the study will begin late this summer and continue into the fall.

The data collected will help to determine whether the YMCA, County or municipalities build, own or operate the facility.

Will the committee put a stop to their efforts should the results come back negative?

Absolutely not, said Bates.

"There are other ways around it," he said, explaining the County is currently in the process of determining the need for housing in the area.

"If it's determined that we've got a need for say 150 homes in Haliburton, then you're looking at a subdivision. If there are enough developers interested in coming up here, then perhaps you could negotiate with a contractor so that he contributes to the construction of a pool and rec centre," said Bates. "It's also in their interest to provide amenities that are going to attract people that want to move up here."

He noted this project is "too darn important" to pass up on.

"Of the 48 or 49 districts and counties in the province, we stand with only one other county as an area without a facility of this kind."

Should the project be given the go ahead, construction isn't expected to start any time soon.

"We're not going to be breaking ground next spring," said Bates. "This will be multiple years out. It takes a long time to get something like this going."

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Editorial opinion



By Matthew Desrosiers

Joining The Highlander team

The Highlands.

It didn't take long for me to realize this was unlike any place I've lived before. Of course, the natural beauty here is apparent. The lakes, woods and wildlife make it a dream come true for a former northern Ontario lad like me. The quiet (well, maybe not recently) streets of Haliburton Village where *The Highlander* makes its home is refreshing for someone used to a high-paced lifestyle, and the people here are both welcoming and friendly.

Haliburton County is everything I could have hoped for. That was all obvious to me when I came here for two hours one April morning to meet with *The Highlander* team for the first time.

But in doing my research, I found there's more to the Highlands than a picturesque environment. There are real issues here. Whether they are political, environmental or economic, the Highlands are anything but quiet. Speak the words 'Tim Hortons' and run for cover. Ask about the Ministry of Natural Resources' recent romp through Clear Lake and get ready for a battle. Talk about charity and be ready to clear your calendar, as the list of events around here goes on forever.

That's what brought me to Haliburton. That's what made me excited to come here. I heard a lot of "Why Haliburton?" when I told my colleagues I was moving to the Highlands, and my answer was simply that this is where the excitement is for a journalist like me.

The Highlander is an independent paper, unshackled and free to be the true voice of this community. We can ask the questions you need answers to, find the answers you've been craving, and say the things you've always wanted to say. We can go where you can't, and come back with real news you can use. Of course I jumped at the opportunity to be a part of that.

But we need you, our readers, to continue to be part of what we're doing at here. You need to tell us what's on your mind, and what's important to you. We want to hear your opinions and your feedback. The team here and I have big plans for *The Highlander*, and you are a part of it.

So here I am, and all I can say is thank you, Haliburton, for the opportunity. We are your newspaper, and we are committed to that idea through and through. We're here for you, so please stop by. The doors are always open.



By Bram Lebo

Seeing the forest

Last Saturday, the county held an open house for property owners to discuss their concerns over the proposed tree-cutting bylaw [see story on page 6]. The purpose of the law is to preserve shorelines — both their appearance and ecological health — by preventing the wanton felling of trees.

Common sense would dictate that when living in a beautiful, natural environment such as we have in the Highlands, people would take care to preserve it for future generations. Certainly, removing a few trees here and there for a path or a nice view shouldn't be a problem, but sometimes it goes much further than that.

There are the lawn people, who take a scorched-earth policy in an attempt to duplicate a typical suburban front yard; hardly a stump is allowed to remain, lest it spoil the golf course-like expanse of green.

Then we have the terracers, who might have started off intending to be lawn people, only to discover that the future site of their lawn was washing into the lake every time it rained. To stop this haemorrhaging of the land, the slope is converted into a giant staircase of rocks, usually barren, often ugly, always destructive to the environment.

Aside from aesthetic considerations, the ribbon of land surrounding lakes and rivers is critical to their health. The littoral zone, as it's called, is where erosion is prevented by the healthy roots of native trees and shrubs and where contaminants that could harm aquatic life are filtered before reaching the water. The ecosystem that produces a healthy lake with clean water and abundant wildlife evolved over millions of years; removing too many of those trees and shrubs throws the whole system out of balance.

The result can be dead lakes and contaminated drinking water; fish and plant life die, the birds and mammals that depend on them leave. Eventually, we can imagine losing the very things that draw people to the Highlands in the first place.

That, and environmental degradation in general, is not what most Highlanders want. Most of us have a sense of moderation when it comes to stewardship of the land and waterways. Some just need a little guidance and common sense.

Hence the county's proposed law to control shoreline tree-cutting. But as has been noted by many a legal scholar through the ages, legislating common sense is not something that often meets with success. The concerns of landowners about vendetta-driven complaints and rules that would prevent things like pruning, cutting dead trees or allowing for modest views are genuine and must be considered by the county.

Generally, the principle that landowners should have the right to do what they will with their properties is a good one, but there are many precedents, from access roads to zoning, where restrictive laws are in place for the common good.

Certainly, that is the intent of the tree-preservation bylaw. Yet, as with any new legislation, the county has a responsibility to ensure that its laws serve their intended purposes without unnecessarily inconveniencing or restricting the majority of people who do have common sense and are responsible landowners. To make reasonable land alterations too onerous would be an unwarranted and unwelcome intrusion into private land rights; it could also result in high costs to the county for enforcing minor violations.

That the county is listening to landowners is a good sign. Clearly they are looking to find the right balance, to write a bylaw that primarily addresses the small minority lacking in common sense and doing the worst damage, without punishing the majority with overbearing government restrictions. It's a worthy endeavour if they can make it work.

As you'll see on my left, we've had an addition to our team. Please join the Highlander in welcoming our new editor, Matthew Desrosiers. Matt hails originally from Callander, near North Bay, and studied journalism at Cambrian College in Sudbury. Stay tuned as Matt helps us take the Highlander to the next level in editorial coverage and make sure to say hi when you see him around.

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Letters to the Editor

Misrepresented on residential schools

Dear Editor,

I am sorry to hear that my letter supporting Aboriginal Residential Schools has angered Tyson Farrell (Aboriginal Residential Schools A Travesty, May 17), but it is unfortunate that he has felt the need to misrepresent Archbishop Michael Peers and his 1993 speech of apology before the National Native Convocation at Minaki, Ontario.

Mr. Farrell alleged that “the Anglican Church has ...admitted their guilt in the rape of multiple Aboriginal generations”. The Church has made no such admission nor did it need to. Here is what Archbishop Peers said as part of his admirably humble Christian apology:

“I am sorry, more than I can say, that in our schools so many were abused physically, sexually, culturally and emotionally. On behalf of the Anglican Church of Canada, I present our apology.”

My own text as well has been distorted in order, it seems, for Mr. Farrell to build his case of pointing out how wrong are those who feel sorry for the many Aboriginal Residential School personnel who are unfairly stigmatised as abusers of children.

Mr. Farrell needs to show where I wrote, as he quotes: “worthy education” by the government of Canada. He, secondly, needs to show where I mentioned “a few bad apples”.

Finally, where I was of the opinion that “many Aboriginals ended up well prepared to function... in a Canadian culture that has benefitted with the input of both French and English rich and varied cultures.” This was turned into a Farrell

scenario where I was claiming that the entire “Aboriginal community” was saved from widespread poverty and suffering by public education.

Mr. Farrell, a recent University of Trent History and International Development graduate, is proud of having studied under Dr. John Milloy. And he should be.

I, also, have sat at the feet of Professor Milloy, as it were, and have benefitted much from his encouragements as I was writing my major paper for his 400-level Native Studies course a few years ago. My paper, as I dimly recollect, dealt with early French missionaries and their heroic and selfless work in New France.

Dr. Milloy, a dedicated scholar of unblemished fairness and love of balance (an Oxford PhD), no doubt found endearing my own sympathies of the time that found their root, not in Jesus being preached, but in France spreading, in spite of tribal torturing and murdering, the best of her civilization.

Be that as it may, we should be grateful for Mr. Farrell’s bringing to our attention Dr. Milloy’s book A National Crime: The Canadian Government and the Residential School System. I belatedly propose to read it and profit from it.

To conclude I would like to suggest a debate or round-table discussion between Professor Milloy, Professor Rodney A. Clifton of the Education Faculty, University of Manitoba, whom I respectfully quoted in my April 20 letter to the Editor, and former school principal and local author Michael Bates.

Charles Lutz
Haliburton

Time for a reality check on old age security

Dear Editor,

The Government of Canada has drilled into our heads that costs for the Old Age Security (OAS) are rising as Canadians are living longer and a new plan must be initiated as outlined in their advertisement in a local paper. How about reductions in MP pensions and civil service government benefits all paid for by the Canadian people?

The government squandered billions of dollars for G20 events, subs and now satellites. Scientists were hired at a cost no ones knows to design and configure satellites that were suppose to make Canada a leader in national security, so said Harper. Now the scientists have all quit and there are no satellites, yet the government is putting the blame for lack of

OAS funds on us for living longer.

How ironic. Just think how much money could have been saved and diverted to the OAS pension fund instead of being mismanaged so blatantly. Starting July 2013, the Government of Canada is giving seniors the flexibility to delay their OAS in exchange for a higher monthly amount at a later date.

For many people, working after one collects their OAS is a necessity even if it was not planned. Of course there are those who wish not to delay their OAS and feel after years of working, retirement is the light at the end of the tunnel and do not take the deferral option.

Perhaps for all of us it’s time for a reality check and a new direction in the next election as the status quo is not working.

Beverly MacDuff, Gooderham

The Outsider — Ring any bells?

Funny, isn’t it, that annoying things often come in pairs?

A cough and cold, for instance. Not only do you have a stuffy nose but a tickly throat, too. Either one is an inconvenience, but together they are a blinking nuisance! The blocked nasal passages make you sound like Homer Simpson on a particularly unfortunate day – doh doh doh – while the hacking cough puts the fear of the forest into wildlife for miles around and ensures that even close friends give you a wide berth. You wish just one of them would go away then you could concentrate on tackling the other.

I guess these maladies are temporary, though, and not exactly life-threatening, so we shouldn’t complain too much (there’s my English stiff upper lip jutting out, and quivering slightly).

Then there are black flies and mosquitoes. Not content to inflict one swarm of biting bugs on us, Mother Nature lets fly with a dual plague: the little silent blighters who like the sunlight and warm days, plus the bigger buzzy variety who favour twilight, the shadows and cooler times. The cumulative effect, a bite for every weather, a blight for all of us. Yeesh (to use my new favourite word), Mother Nature must have been really annoyed at us when she unleashed this dastardly duo.

Even so, one friend of mine claims the bugs don’t bite him. His secret, he says, is Zen. “They don’t bother me and I don’t bother them. Sort of a mutual understanding,” he says. I’m yet to be convinced, or should that be I’ve yet to find inner peace with my insect ‘friends.’

But bugs and bunged up noses have nothing in the annoying stakes when it comes to a double act so heinous that I know of no one with a good word for either. This pair of proper pain-in-the-asses moves amongst us invisibly. They cause misery randomly, seemingly for the hell of it. Taking action against them is futile because they will bite back with extra zeal, and, trying to make peace and work with them is useless because they shape-shift, their communicative mouthpieces changing from minute-to-minute, meaning that no sense is ever forthcoming.

Not guessed who or what I mean yet (and no, it’s not the guys doing road works in Haliburton)? I’m talking about Bell and Rogers.

Ask anyone and they’ll have a good old moan about one or the other of this pair of communications service providers. Sorry, did I say *service providers*? That’s laughable, since all that one of this diabolical double act has provided me so far is a catalogue of malfunctions, excuses and ridiculous replacement options. The other, well, it wouldn’t even give me a cell phone unless I leveraged my house as assurance that I wouldn’t default.

After I’d stopped laughing I looked at the call plan and realized that they were planning to charge me for making calls, taking calls, receiving texts, sending texts, having an answer service, using said service, even simply seeing who was calling me. I realized the costs would soon add up to a value

No consideration for impacted residents

To quote from a recent editorial in the County Echo:

“In a perfect world, when Tim Hortons first expressed interest in building a coffee shop in Haliburton, we would all sit down and choose the best place for it to go. If there were no other factors to consider, if we all had the time, we would have a public meeting, evaluate plots of land and figure out where the ideal location would be. But the system isn’t built that way.”

No, it isn’t, but it should be. Because council passed a plan nine years ago to which 99.9 per cent of the public did not object (because it didn’t affect them at all) does not make it a good plan or one that should be blindly followed today. A plan is just a guideline that needs to reflect the actual situation at the time of implementation. There are several of our citizens living next to the proposed Tims’ site, many of whom were here long before the commercial plan was approved, who will have their lives completely disrupted. We are not against commercial development but Tims will create more traffic and disruption in this neighbourhood than any ten other businesses combined. Put a Lakeview Motel across from each of our homes - minimum disruption - and we would say “Isn’t that nicely done?” Surely a plan can limit the type of business which is allowed across the road from permanent lakeshore homes. If not, it’s not a very good plan! Hopefully, the OMB will agree.

There are other locations in the commercial area and even in the proposed commercial plan along this road which would disrupt no one, but Tims wants it here so apparently this is where it’s going. If this site was across the road from our Reeve or Councillor’s house, do you really think Tims would be allowed to build there? I’ll bet we would find a more suitable site. If this site was across the road from the Echo Editor’s house, do you really think there would be the same editorial in the Echo? No, as long as it’s happening to someone else it’s progress. There are only two entities who will benefit from putting Tim Horton’s in this particular location - the person selling the land and Tims. Why can’t Council take time to do what’s in the best interest of our neighbourhood and community rather than what Tims and the land developer want?

If anyone cares about the principle involved in this situation, please attend the council meeting on Monday, May 28.

Patty Brydon
Haliburton



By Will Jones

comparable with that of my house.

But it was OK because I got free local calls. Haha, local calls. Local, or this so called ‘service provider’s’ idea of it, extended about as far as I could throw a baseball. Anything further than that and I’d need an armoured truck to withdraw enough cash to pay for the call.

I write or rather rant about this, why? Because whenever the topic comes up about whatever ‘provider’ someone is using a friend has a horror story. There’s never a happy ending. It’s as if these two ugly sisters are in cahoots and they’re not about to let us, poor little Cinderella, anywhere near the ball.

Trouble is there’s nowhere else to go. We need our phones, our internet, our connectivity, even if it is wonky wireless or dodgy dial-up. We’re trapped, crushed in the middle of these two lumbering giants, like a human sandwich, squished between two sumo wrestlers, one with a sniffle, the other a tickly throat. It’s like being stripped naked and staked out in the backyard, half in the sun, half in the shade. You’re gonna get bitten, all that’s left to chance is whether the black flies or mozzies strike first.

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Highlands news

Taking a swing at tree bylaw

By Mark Arike

It's about putting a stop to clear-cutting and preserving the quality of the lakes.

That's what a proposed shoreline tree preservation bylaw would be aimed at doing, said County of Haliburton representatives.

"When we were doing the review of the county's five-year official plan, the vast majority of the common comments we got were related to the removal of trees adjacent to water... that and wetlands," said Jane Tousaw, director of planning for the county, during a May 19 open house about the bylaw at the Haliburton Curling Club.

"We do know – and I've heard from some of the folks here – that clear-cutting has been happening since it became known that we were going to be doing this," said Tousaw. "We can't go back and fix that – it's not a retroactive bylaw. But the main thrust of this bylaw is to try and address clear-cutting."

According to a document available at the open house, the draft shoreline tree preservation bylaw proposes to "govern the removal or injuring of all trees with a diameter of 10 centimetres or more." The bylaw would apply to all lands in the county within 30 metres of a waterway.

Tousaw emphasized this is not a site alteration bylaw.

"It doesn't cover cutting the raspberry canes or cutting the grass. The only time that it's going to significantly impact the removal of trees is if it's adjacent to a spawning bed. The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has been very supportive of that... and they have agreed to help us on that," she said, pointing out the MNR is equipped with more information about spawning beds than the County is.

Tousaw tried to clear up any misconceptions about the proposed bylaw.

"It's not to prevent taking down dead, diseased or damaged trees, or having a path to the water," she said.

Tousaw listed a number of exemptions that would be permitted under the bylaw.

"There are exemptions if you're doing building permits, exemptions for bringing hydro in... There's an exemption in there to allow you to prune the trees so that you can have a

view," she said.

When in doubt about what can and can't be done, Tousaw said property owners should consult with a qualified arborist or tree marker. She also encouraged they take a picture in the event that someone falsely accuses them of illegal cutting.

Complaints about illegal cutting must be submitted to the County in writing before action is taken. Once received, a bylaw officer would go and investigate.



Photo by Mark Arike

Jane Tousaw, director of planning for the County of Haliburton, provides answers to questions at the May 19 shoreline tree preservation bylaw open house.

"I would find the contact information for that landowner and approach that landowner," said County bylaw officer James Rogers. "If I'm not able to contact them, I would go out to the site. I would look for the source of the complaint and make whatever evaluation I can on-site."

Landowners convicted of an offence under the bylaw would be liable to a fine ranging from \$500 to \$100,000.

Tousaw said the County would like to educate the public about the bylaw through the formation of an advisory board and/or workshops.

Some of those at Saturday's open house voiced their

concerns about certain sections of the draft bylaw.

One property owner feared the "complaint-driven" approach would cause cottagers to lash out against one another.

"We see cottagers trying to get back at other cottagers because they don't like them for some reason or another and then they lodge a complaint," said the Moore Lake resident.

Tousaw responded by saying this will be the only way the County can effectively enforce the bylaw.

"We don't have the staff... and the county is way too big to know of every time that a tree is being cut down," she said. Rogers added that because complaints must be filed in writing, it is hoped that most of the submissions will be legitimate.

Another property owner was concerned about the section of the bylaw that states no person shall destroy, injure or permit the destruction or injury of trees on any municipally owned road or shore road allowance unless written permission is received from the county.

"Ninety per cent of these walkways that are five metres wide to the shoreline will be crossing municipally owned property," he said.

Tousaw said the request to include this in the bylaw came from the local municipalities, but that's something "they may not have thought of." She told the man – and others in the room – to put their concerns in writing, as the information will be passed on to the county's planning committee for consideration.

A representative of a local tree care company said as is, the proposed bylaw would cause them to raise their prices due to an intensified process.

"If the tree is on the shoreline allowance and the property owner does not own it, even if it's dead, diseased or fallen in the lake and fits in the bylaw, you're saying that we still need to get permission from the County to address that tree?" the woman asked Tousaw. "That's an important thing to put in to the comments because that's something that I don't think was thought of when this was drafted," she answered.

Those interested in providing their feedback on the bylaw should call Jane Tousaw at 705-286-1333 or email jtousaw@county.haliburton.on.ca by June 30.

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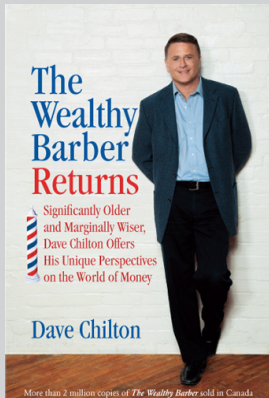


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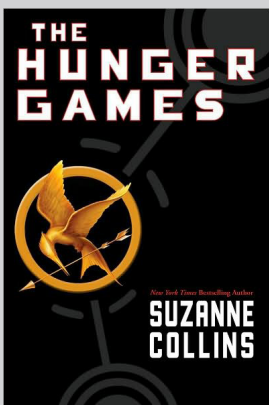
The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested at the Haliburton County Public Library this week.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Stray Bullets* by Robert Rotenberg 🇨🇦
2. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
3. *Deadlocked* by Charlaine Harris
4. *Calico Joe* by John Grisham
5. *The Imposter Bride* by Nancy Richler 🇨🇦

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Drop Dead Healthy* by A.J. Jacobs
2. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦
3. *Wishes Fulfilled: Mastering the Art of Manifesting* by Wayne Dyer
4. *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
5. *Under An Afghan Sky* by Mellissa Fung 🇨🇦



The most popular book at the library this week is *Stray Bullets*, the latest legal thriller by bestselling author (and local cottager) Robert Rotenberg. *Stray Bullets* opens on a snowy November evening, outside a busy downtown doughnut shop. When gunshots ring out and a young boy is critically hurt, Detective Ari Greene arrives on the scene. How many shots were fired? How many witnesses will step forward? With grieving parents and a city hungry for justice, the pressure is on to convict the man accused of this horrible crime. Against this tidal wave of

indignation, defense counsel Nancy Parish finds herself defending her oldest and most difficult client to date. If you enjoyed Rotenberg's previous novels *Old City Hall* and *The Guilty Plea* then add *Stray Bullets* to your summer reading list.

Library News

The Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library continues to offer business workshops through Contact North, Ontario's Distance Education and Training Network. The workshops will run every Wednesday, refer to our website at www.haliburtonlibrary.ca for a full list of topics and times.

Library sustainability in question

By Lisa Harrison

Book circulation at the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) rose by 16 per cent in 2011 and the number of card holders increased to 7,437 from 6,627 in the prior year, Algonquin Highlands council heard on May 17.

However, the total number of books available is lower than recommended and service sustainability has become an issue, according to Bessie Sullivan, HCPL Chief Executive Officer and Nancy McLuskey, board chair. The two have been presenting the organization's 2011 annual report to all four local councils and county council.

Algonquin Highlands is served by the HCPL's Cardiff and Dorset branches as well as the e-resource (electronic resource) service and the portable library.

The HCPL added 8,363 items to the catalogue for a total of 45,000 items in 2011, but Sullivan noted the library also culls items each year and the provincial standard for the county's population is 50,000.

The summer influx of visitors means very busy branches, but it also pressures the system for staff hours that can't be sustained in the off season. Requests to use library space mean a small income, but additional requests for staff to provide services to the community on renters' behalf means time taken away from library services.

The e-resource service, tracked as a virtual ninth branch, became the third-highest circulating branch last year.

"The e-resources are actually helping us a great deal with our geographical challenges," said Sullivan. "It's actually really interesting to me. We know that we're in a poor county, and yet we have one of the highest uptakes

in terms of e-resources... The technology actually seems to increase readership in general. The whole 24-7 thing is just really great for a community like ours."

However, Sullivan said that while one would think that e-resource use would ease up on print book demand, it doesn't. The two groups are very different.

The HCPL began implementing changes in 2011 to address gaps that had been identified the year before, in part through a user survey.

Two administration centre staff became full-time, the organization chart was restructured to reflect current staffing and policy and procedure manuals were updated.

Hours were adjusted at the branches in Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East to provide better consistency for patrons and improved safety for staff. The Highland Grove branch was completely renovated and given a new children's area. A new seasonal children's programming coordinator implemented more than 100 children's programs throughout the county and at special events.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said the township is willing to discuss sustainability with the county if necessary to preserve the township's library services.

"I think you echo the thoughts of the other municipalities as well," Sullivan replied. "The decision just has to be made [as to] where the money's going to be, and that hasn't been made yet."

The total audited expenditure for the library was \$784,921 and the county levy was \$595,000. The HCPL continued to reduce the need for county funding with successful grant applications. The complete audited financial reports are posted on the library's website at www.haliburtonlibrary.ca/about.html.

State of the Arts

A Salon is so 'je ne sais quoi'



By Victoria Ward

I recently co-hosted a salon in Toronto with local bright light Brigitte Gall. It was a great success because, I think, we kept to the true idea of what a salon is supposed to be. So, what is a salon and why is it relevant?

Well, since I began writing this column I have found people are very eager to discuss and engage with the

arts. But people don't want to be just spectators anymore. Possibly because of technology, or this age of political engagement, people want to participate in the arts. They want to ask questions and feel its ok to have an opinion.

I also think we are now living in an age not unlike 18th century France when salons first appeared. These gatherings mixed the economic statuses (commoners, aristocrats and bourgeoisie) who were all involved in these small forums to discuss the latest ideas and arts. Sociological thinking began moving from the clerics to the new philosophers, and revolution was whispered in the air.

Artists and writers became crucial to these salons because humour, cleverness and imaginative thinking were needed to diffuse confrontation. Argument was done with the greatest of civility. People also didn't have the insane, inflated sense of themselves that many celebrity artists have now. Egos were always kept in check. The salon was a shared idea.

Many offshoots of the Occupy Movements host political salons where they hash out ideas such as the Occupy Bank, a real incentive that will use money to make and create things other than just wealth. These ideas and formats take power

away from the old fashioned sense of hierarchy that pervades much of how things get done today. Boardrooms where secret deals are made are dead. Long live the neighbourhood block party!

Today we are seeing a shift in audience expectations. At the salon a scientist that we had for a Q&A said to me, "I love this idea because I got rid of my TV and refuse to use it for entertainment." Although I really appreciated his thoughts and compliment I'm not getting rid of my TV.

I do think, however, the idea of entertainment as engagement is vital today. Because of the iPhone, we are no longer idly allowing the world and its culture to flow past us. We can access culture in real time, all of the time. A recent discussion on the CBC's Q was interesting as it pitted a theatre artist who spoke fondly of using Twitter as an embellishment to live performance against a producer who thought anyone who texted during a theatre performance was an idiot. Another recent theatre controversy involved Montreal theatre director Olivier Choinière's 'hacking performance'. Three hundred audience members listened to his criticism of Théâtre du Nouveau Monde's production through their iPhones and ear pieces while watching the same production. Needless to say, the artists on stage were not amused. This idea was his form of theatre; clever, but ultimately mean-spirited.

The salon bypasses all this because it's actually live, meaning people are in the same room and your attention to each other is crucial to the event's success. It's a new, old idea. All the best are. And it's small. We sold out really quickly. You can't hide your texting in an art gallery that only holds a few dozen people. If someone asked permission to use texting or Instagram while I was onstage I would have

probably been completely fine with it.

The salon isn't formal and that's the key. Formality precludes cell phone use. Interrupting someone else's suspended disbelief is completely frowned upon when spending money to see Quebec theatre artist Robert LePage's *Ring Cycle* at the Met, for example. But if you are able to bring your beer to your seat and answer the host's questions about where you are from (someone responded Spain), then it's not formal.

The phrase 'je ne sais quoi' was popular during the French salons. It's the exact sentiment we were vying for. Sociologist/anthropologist Benet Davetian writes, "It expressed so perfectly the goals of an aristocratic elite determined to find some refined sentiment and superior worth that went beyond words and the bourgeois pragmatism of net monetary worth. 'Je ne sais quoi' represented the exquisite feeling that arose when people in conversation suddenly found themselves in inexplicable sympathy and identification with one another... and quite pleased with the distinguished social circle that made such communion possible."

Inexplicable sympathy, now there's a phrase I wish I had written. Why I believe the salon matters today is because it's nice. Not pushover nice but it can be a safe environment to express oneself. With a culture slavishly in love with sadism (reality tv), coldness (much of the visual arts) and puerile pleasure (YouTube's dog washing cats), an intimate evening of ideas and arts is like a balm. We are a culture starved for brilliance that touches us, and it's all around us. We just need to be introduced.

Highlands news

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Financially steady in 2011

By Lisa Harrison

The Township of Algonquin Highlands closed 2011 with a deficit of \$416,029 but increased cash assets by \$1.7 million and remained above the \$10 million mark in accumulated surplus, according to a draft annual auditor’s report presented to council on May 17.

Richard Steinginga and Duane Potter of Collins Barrow Kawarthas LLP delivered the report, highlighting revenue drops, unforeseen expenses and significant cost savings throughout.

The largest drops in revenues were more than \$250,000 and \$400,000 respectively in federal and provincial government funding not received in regard to the airport expansion project. The township had budgeted for increases in both. On the liability side regarding the airport, the township also repaid its \$1.1 million line of credit related to construction.

The largest unforeseen expense was the addition of more than \$900,000 to the existing unfunded landfill closure and post-closure cost, based in part on new projections from the landfill management consultant and updated inflation costs, bringing the total to \$1,476,530. Not a year-to-year budget cost, the figure represents the total projected expense for closure and 25 years of post-closure care for all five landfill sites, at least one of which is not expected to reach capacity for more than 100 years.

Cash assets rose to \$2.7 million from \$1 million in 2010 due in part to proceeds on the sale of capital assets going into cash during the year.

Among the largest gains were monies due and recovered through increased diligence by township staff and council. The township reduced its accounts receivable (primarily capital grants and HST) by more than \$550,000 and its taxes

and grants in lieu receivable by more than \$560,000. The collections on taxes in arrears reduced the percentage of the township’s tax base in arrears to 11.4 per cent from the prior year’s 18.9 per cent. Reeve Carol Moffatt said the collections represented “a monumental task” by the treasury department.

The township also realized gains in several other areas, including close to \$340,000 in property taxes. In rounded figures the gains include \$35,000 from supplementary taxes on new builds (the township showed growth of nine per cent on the latest census), \$44,000 in building and bylaws due primarily to staff efficiencies and diligent pursuit of permit fees, and \$156,000 in the area of waste management, primarily from grants and the tire recycling program.

The accumulated surplus of \$10.1 million is the total of \$10.5 million accumulated surplus from 2010 plus the 2011 deficit. Not a cash representation, it incorporates the net book value of tangible capital assets (including roads and bridges) and of reserves, including working funds, acquisition of capital assets, 911 and emergency services, and the airport development allocation.

The tangible capital assets make up the bulk of the \$10.1 million at \$8,531,334. Those assets represent the total asset sales value to the township, although under accounting rules the assets are valued at historical costs plus depreciation rather than current or replacement costs.

“The bottom line is, we’re in good shape,” said Moffatt. “I think with the help of staff and council combined we’ve successfully tackled some financial challenges and it’s nice to see those numbers going in the right direction.”

The auditor is working with township staff on a few last details for the report and will prepare its formal auditors’ management letter for council once the report has been finalized.

Minden man caught for impaired after rollover

By Mark Arike

A 27-year-old Minden man has been charged with impaired driving after flipping his vehicle on a homeowner’s lawn.

On May 19 around 4:30 p.m., Haliburton Highlands OPP were called to the intersection of Bobcaygeon Rd. and Scotch Line Rd. West to investigate a report of an overturned, white SUV. After speaking to the vehicle’s driver, officers determined that the man had been consuming alcohol.

Jordache Schuitemaker was charged with Impaired Driving and Drive over 80 Milligrams Blood Alcohol Content. He will appear at the Minden courthouse on July 4.

Free flights for kids

Young Eagles Days will take place Thursday, May 31 and Friday, June 1 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Haliburton/Stanhope Airport, 1168 Stanhope Road.

This annual event hosted, by the CND4 Airport Committee gives children of any age the chance to fly around Haliburton County free of charge. Committee, members donate their time, aircraft and costs to support children interested in flying.

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New regulations for overnight docking

Boats could be removed under liens act

By Lisa Harrison

In response to complaints from local residents, the Township of Algonquin Highlands plans to crack down on boaters who dock and moor overnight and longer at public docks at Big Hawk, Little Hawk and Kawagama lakes.

At council's May 17 meeting, Reeve Carol Moffatt introduced the topic by saying she had spoken with the Halls Hawk Lakes Property Owners' Association last year about issues that had been reported at a few public docks, primarily at Little Hawk Landing, and had committed to having options available this summer "to eradicate that angst."

The township passed a bylaw in 1982 that prohibits overnight parking at public docking facilities, which were always intended as an area for the public to load and unload boats and moor them temporarily. However, due to enforcement difficulties and lack of manpower, historic problems continue, with some vessels being moored for weeks at a time.

Property owners are concerned not only about the overuse of the docks but also about the damage caused by contractors unloading lumber and other goods. In 2010, council directed that a portion of dock in disrepair at Little Hawk be removed.

The township directed Mitch O'Grady, chief building official/bylaw enforcement officer, to research the issue and make a recommendation to council. He researched past practice at the docks in township files and with marina owners, spoke with his counterparts at Lake of Bays and Huntsville, and developed three options for council's consideration.

O'Grady recommended council adopt

the most extensive option, which involves ticketing, user access agreements for contractors, and boat removal. He reported both Lake of Bays and Huntsville use the ticketing process as well as boat removal under the Repair and Storage Liens Act to control excess mooring and have "nipped it in the bud."

O'Grady said Mike Wilmon, bylaw enforcement officer for the Township of Lake of Bays, advised him he's only had to remove two or three boats and "everybody gets the message in a hurry."

A local towing company has agreed to provide boat removal and storage services. O'Grady said the removal fee could range from \$150-\$200 and storage fees could range from \$45-\$50 per day.

O'Grady also proposed a user access agreement for contractors, since many of them need extended

mooring options for their work inland. The process would involve a sticker system and could require a docking fee. It could also incorporate a fee for any damages that occur.

"A lot of our problems stem from contractors that park there quite extensively, not for a day or two, it's a week and a month at a time," said O'Grady. "So those are really, truly the ones we want to deal with."

Local marina owners have agreed to educate dock users about any new bylaw and to serve as liaisons between the township and the public. Signage would be posted at each public dock.

The township would be responsible for enforcement. O'Grady said it would involve weekend work and projected it would require two officers. He warned council that boat removals might trigger legal action and require court time for an officer.

Council approved implementation of the recommended option and directed that a new bylaw be drafted and tabled for consideration at council's next regular meeting on June 21.

"A lot of our problems stem from contractors"

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Photo by Walt Griffin

Ladies' day at the range

On Saturday, May 5, the Haliburton County Marksmen Club held their Ladies' Day Spring Shoot at the gun club in Kinmount. Twenty-two ladies of all ages and had a safe, fun-filled day as they shot a selection of guns. The next Ladies' Day will be held at the club in the summer.



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Photo by Mark Arike

Wade and Jane Woodward enjoy a break outside their business, The Pump Shop, as they celebrate 25 years of serving the Highlands.

Serving the Highlands for 25 years

By Mark Arike

The month of May is special for two reasons for Wade and Jane Woodward. It marks their business's 25th anniversary as well as 25 years of marriage.

On May 19, the husband and wife owners of The Pump Shop celebrated their business's

anniversary with a celebration at their City Rd. 21 building. The event included a barbeque provided by M&M Meat Shops, a live broadcast from Moose FM and discounts on items in the store.

The family-run business specializes in water systems and offers a variety of other products.

A wet start to the weekend

Students splash suds at carwash fundraiser

By Mark Arike

All sorts of makes and models could be seen pulling up to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on May 19 for a \$7 car wash in support of this year's prom. While drivers waited, they could enjoy a sausage on bun, with proceeds going to the cause.

Hosted by the Grade 12 prom committee, the goal was to raise between \$1,000 and \$1,500 to help lower the price of admission to prom. According to Elaine Searle, head of this year's prom committee, it will cost approximately \$5,000 to put on the event.

Prom will take place at the Red Umbrella Inn on June 1. Tickets are \$45 for singles and \$80 for a couple. Dinner and a fireworks display are included with the price of admission.



Photos by Mark Arike
Above: Grade 12 students Heidi Burk and Marley MacNamara scrub down a car at the May 19 carwash fundraiser for prom.



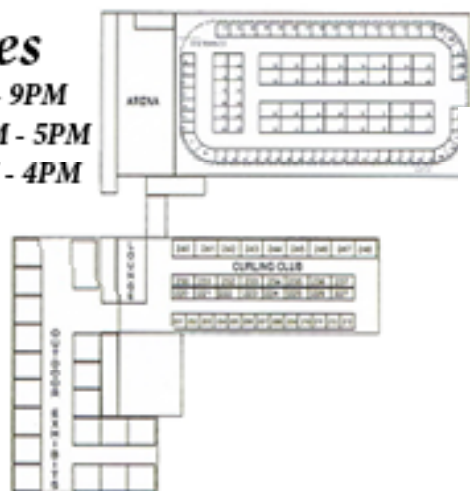
Left: Haliburton Highlands Secondary School principal Dan Marsden dries off a Mustang.

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Community events

Minden Hills Museum Opens For the Season

Curator reveals two significant artifacts

By George Farrell

"Most people don't realize just how special this place is," said Darren Levstek, the new Curator of the Minden Hills Museum.

Levstek spoke to a small but enthusiastic crowd in the common room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday May 19. They were gathered ostensibly for the official 2012 opening of the museum, but for most it was the first chance to see and hear the new curator.

Levstek brings a high degree of enthusiasm to his position, and after only a few weeks on the job his knowledge of local history is impressive.

After diplomatically thanking all those individuals and committees who needed to be thanked, Levstek launched into the challenges of marrying R.D. Lawrence Place with the Museum to form a cohesive whole. Together they will stand as equal status partners with the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and the library, the other components of the Cultural Centre.

"What we're missing is a dialogue to marry the buildings together as one large group," he said. Levstek then proceeded to start on that mission by revealing a couple of artifacts he had found on the museum grounds. The artifacts, a large wooden pipe approximately 3.5 meters long and 1.5 meters in diameter, and an old cord-wood saw have been at the museum for a long time but their significance in tying the buildings together needed Levstek's explanation.

The wooden pipe, which was re-discovered behind one of the museums buildings, is from the 1850s. It's made from tongue and grooved hardwood and held together by metal strapping around its circumference.

"We really don't know exactly what it is, but it sure held water," he said.

Levstek went on to hypothesize the pipe was either a flume which, created a water flow to a mill wheel, or a penstock, which was used to divert water. He tied the pipe into the museum buildings by pointing out the mill wheels already on display outside the bank building. He also told of the Kent family who ran a water pipe up to the school, and of a cheese factory which was located up near where Archie Stouffer School is located.

The saw, Levstek revealed, was circa 1900 and made by the Massey-Harris company which "at the time was the largest maker of farm equipment in the British Empire." The Harris family was the same one from which Lawren Harris, the famed Group of Seven artist, emerged. Levstek went on to reveal how Harris and the Group of Seven were also friends with Andre Lapine. The Lapine collection at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery was instrumental in putting the gallery on the map of 'must visit' galleries in Canada.

In regards to R.D. Lawrence Place Levstek said Lawrence's philosophy "is what we'll use to conduct ourselves, going forward."

After the meeting adjourned, everyone went outside to the museum grounds where the cord-wood saw and the wooden pipe were displayed. The Massey-Harris cord-wood saw was accompanied by a plaque which told of the link between the saw and the Group of Seven, but there was more fascination with the wooden pipe, as people speculated on its function.

Levstek invited people to explore the bank building, and R.D. Lawrence Place, both of which revealed new exhibits of beautifully displayed artifacts.

"I've just had the most exciting time at the museum," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, who also said in reference to Levstek that "he's just getting warmed up."



Photo by George Farrell

Curator Darren Levstek talks about the significance of the re-discovered wooden pipe.

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Between June 16 and 17, the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden will host the Minden Home & Lifestyle Show on the weekend of June 16-17.

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Haliburton Arts Council co-ordinator, Donna Gagnon, lays back for some pampered foot treatment.

Wind in the Willows branches out

By Douglas Pugh

Increasingly popular spa, Wind in the Willows, has its new location on Victoria Street in Haliburton fully open.

"We've had a gradual opening rather than anything grand and dashing," said owner Sylvia Holland. "It has given us time to get everything in place a bit at a time."

Holland's story is heartwarming. Once the owner of a thriving clothing store in Haliburton, the recession of the early '80s hit the business hard.

"It was time to be brave and try something different," said Holland. "I was really interested in reflexology, and I went to courses across North America – coast to coast – and further still to learn."

Now with locations in Minden, Haliburton Village and on the Wigamog Resort, Holland

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Teas to please

Momma G's put their teas on the Haliburton map

By Douglas Pugh

Perfectly placed with a stunning panoramic view over Head Lake, new business 'Momma G's Tea' is off to a thriving start.

Momma G – local artist Tracey Green – was looking for something different to the coffee shops prevalent in the area, somewhere to relax and soothe away the rigours of the day for her customers.

"The whole setting is so perfect, the view, somewhere to eat, somewhere to sip tea or smoothies," she said.

Tracey, along with partner Daryl Sands, worked frantically through the night to get ready for the launch. The care and attention to detail shines through though, the range of teas available to drink or take away in loose leaf or gift boxes stunningly racked as you walk in immediately grab your attention. Naturally well-lit tables line the room, surrounding the heart of the operation, the counter and kitchen.

Stay for just a few minutes though and the aromas of Green's baking will tempt you to want something more than just a refreshing drink. Alongside fresh food, salads and fruit platters, Green hopes to include increasing amounts of local fare, depending on the season. Sands is a keen member of the Tory Hill farmers market and cultivates over an acre of his own.

"We have been so busy that it has surprised us," said Green. "Sure, we'll serve coffee if you want, but with this wide a range of teas, regular or herbal, spiced or not, there's something for everybody."

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Momma G – artist Tracey Green – and partner Daryl Sands in front of their wall of tea.

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Download the newest version and install it. Once it's installed simply insert your USB thumb drive and create a new password. It doesn't change or remove any files on your thumb drive. You can play around with the settings, but I found the default ones worked for me. It will close Predator and ask you to manually restart it. Once you do, you will see a green icon on the task bar saying "Monitoring On" and you're all set to go. When you want to walk away from your PC simply pull out the thumb drive and after about 10 seconds your screen will go black, effectively locking your computer from unwanted access. When you return, insert the

thumb drive and you now have full access to your system again. You can do all this without closing your Windows session or logging off.

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As always, if you have any questions or comments please feel free to email me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy Safe Computing!



Deeper than stats

Local researcher wins homeless research grant

By Douglas Pugh

Minden researcher Fay Martin has been awarded a research grant to investigate youth employment and homelessness in the Haliburton, Peterborough and Kawartha areas.

The grant, part of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, is funded by the ministry of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

Announced at the Youth Emergency Centre, Peterborough on May 22 by Dean del Maestro, MP for Peterborough, Martin was delighted with the backing and support she received in applying for and achieving this prestigious grant.

"Statistics can only tell you so much," said Martin. "They can give you a quantitative view of things, but this research will be more qualitative, trying to get a deeper understanding of what makes those numbers what they are."

Martin has always been concerned about where the local kids go once they have finished school and college. There seems to be a blind acceptance that once kids are raised they'll fly off to the city and find high-paying jobs. This doesn't fit all the kids though. Many would stay if they could – this is home after all – while others just drift.

"They get caught in the vicious spiral," said Martin. "Low paid jobs, often in a town distant from their families and any support. Then they maybe rack up some debt, fall behind on their rent. Without understanding all this, without understanding the people within this spiral, how can

anyone draft policies to try to fix things, to try to stop this happening?"

Part of the study will also talk to the various departments that impact on these difficulties – Education, Justice, Housing and Health. Conferring with experts from each of these, Martin aims for the project to have a holistic benefit. Each department has their own strategy in place for solving their own problems, improving their own effectiveness, but what happens when the various departments conflict?

"It's a machine, each gear grinding away at their jobs. While we could look at how the gears mesh together – and that is a part of the study – what we really need to understand is the people caught between these gears, the ones that get ground up by the inefficiencies of the machine. They are often the ones least able to cope with the stresses thrown up, but at the same time customers often know how to make the systems better."

The study is based on first hand experiences, delivering the results not as a number, a statistic, but putting a real face, a real person to each case.

Martin is looking for interviewees too, sixty in total, between 16 and 30 years of age. Ideally half of them will have stayed in their local rural areas while half of them moved away to urban centres for work or whatever else lead them there. They are paid for their time, their experience, and it calls for open honesty to improve the systems that they have been through.

The interviewees are the strength of the survey. They get to see and edit – if needs be – every word that they say. It's an inclusive approach that Martin is determined will make the systems in place work a little better in dealing with people and circumstances.



Photo by Douglas Pugh
Minden researcher, Fay Martin.

"I always think of a quote from Anna Karenina," said Martin. "Families can be either happy in one way, or unhappy in many ways. I want to find out what those many ways are, maybe find ways to stop them happening again and again."

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T. Edward 'Ted' Deterling

(Formerly of Wilberforce, Ontario)

At Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden, Ontario on Friday morning, May 18, 2012 in his 103rd year. Beloved husband of the late Martha Deterling (nee Berry) and the late Ethel Deterling (nee Saunders). Loving father of Elizabeth (Jim Dunbar) of Sherwood Park, Alberta, Patricia (Paddy Jordens) of Tory Hill, John (Susan) of New Zealand, Phyllis (Bruce Gibbs) of Bancroft and Jim (Shirley) of Tory Hill. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren James, Leisa, Andrew, David, Marsie, MayAnne, Scott (predeceased), Kevin, Stacey, Robert, Christopher, Mike, Kim, Shawn, Shannon and his great grandchildren Jess, Robin, Coltin, Amanda, Cody, Connor, Jessica, Miranda, Isaac, Clark, Grace, Rhett, Victor, Carter, Justin, Taylor, Drew, Emma, Thomas and Owen. Predeceased by his sisters Margaret, Irene, Ida, Gertrude, Alfretta, and Lorna. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Friday morning, May 25, 2012 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment South Wilberforce Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family.

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Barbara Allison (nee Naugle)

(Resident of Eagle Lake, Ontario)

Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre with her loving family by her side on Sunday morning, May 20, 2012 in her 78th year. Beloved wife of Jim for over 57 years. Loving mother of Dave (Kim) of Carnarvon, Doug (Sharon) of Minden, Dan (Debbie) of Minden, Darlene (David Gervais) of Pickering, Dale (Eldon Bull) of Haliburton and Derek of Eagle Lake. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jeannette, Ashley, James, Josselyn, Teri, Christina, Chantal, Matthew, Christopher, Danielle, Jadon, Tyler (predeceased) and by her great grandson Jacob. Dear sister of Carole Graham of Kitchener. Also lovingly remembered by her extended family. Barbara enjoyed her family gatherings, knitting, and time at Kushog Lake. Barbara worked as the loans manager at the Bank of Montreal in Haliburton for many years.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Saturday May 26, 2012 from 1 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services would be appreciated by the family.

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Mary Kup

(Resident of Fort Irwin, Haliburton Ontario)

Peacefully with her family by her side at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday afternoon, May 19, 2012 in her 79th year. Adored wife of John Kup for almost 60 years. Loving mother of Mike (Kim) of Burlington and Marilyn (Gregg Little) of Mississauga. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Aaron and Leigh. Dear sister of Jack, Ken and Mabel. Predeceased by her brothers Murray, Laverne, Jim and sister Ina. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews and extended family. Mary enjoyed her family and friends, either hosting them at her home at Fort Irwin or visiting them at theirs. Mary was an avid gardener and enjoyed the outdoors.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Wednesday May 23, 2012 from 5 - 8 p.m. Then to TRINITY UNITED CHURCH 200 Owen Sound St. Shelburne, Ontario (519)925-2233 on Thursday afternoon, May 24, 2012 from 1 o'clock until time of the Funeral Service at 2 o'clock. Interment Shelburne Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Readers respond

Dear Penny,

I recently had a couple of small spots on my face removed because the doctor said they were skin cancer probably caused by sun exposure. He said there's nothing to worry about, but that I should be sure to protect my skin from further sun damage. I'm using a nice sun screen I found at the pharmacy. Is there anything else I should do?

Sun Spots

Dear Sun Spots,

Most of us love the sun and for many people, it's their primary source of vitamin D—an essential ingredient for strong bones and good health in general. Until recently, we didn't think much about the damage the sun can cause and many of us spent more time in the sun than was wise.

It is the invisible ultraviolet rays of the sun we need to worry about. Those rays may tan us, burn us or permanently damage our skin in other ways.

There are three kinds of ultraviolet rays. The UVA rays pass through the ozone layer and make up the majority of the damaging rays we receive. UVA rays cause wrinkles and aging of the skin.

The UVB rays cause damage, too. They may be responsible for cataracts (clouding of the lens of the eye), sunburns and various types of skin cancers. Tanning beds use both UVA and UVB rays and no matter what they say, they are unsafe for your skin.

UVC rays are the most dangerous of all, but luckily, the ozone layer prevents them from reaching the earth.

Even on overcast or cloudy days, the harmful rays of the sun can cause damage and it's important to be aware of the consequences of too much sun exposure.

To varying degrees, we have melanin in our skin to protect us. Melanin is the skin's first line of defence against the sun because it absorbs the harmful rays. When melanin increases in response to sun exposure, we call it a tan. It may look healthy, but it's actually a sign of skin damage.

The lighter your skin, the less melanin there is to absorb those rays and the more vulnerable you are. The more exposure you have, the more damage is done. Even dark skinned people are at risk.

Children are at risk too—especially babies and kids with fair skin, moles or a family history of skin cancer or melanoma.

Aging Well



By Penny Brown

It's important to take precautions to avoid sun damage. Here are 12 important suggestions for protecting your skin.

Avoid the sun when it's directly overhead and the rays are strongest.

Remember the sun is strongest during the summer, so avoid exposure from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Use extra protection near the equator and at high elevations—even in winter.

Cover up. If you're very fair or have a history of skin cancer, wear long sleeves and long pants. If you can see your hand under the fabric, the cloth will not protect you from the sun's harmful rays.

Use an umbrella for protection.

Wear a hat with a wide brim.

For protection from both UVA and UVB rays, choose a "broad spectrum" sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or more. Be sure to apply it everywhere skin is exposed including the tops of your ears, your neck and throat.

Don't skimp on the sunscreen. Apply it generously about 15-30 minutes before going outside.

Keep in mind that water reflects the sun and intensifies the effects of sun exposure. In and around water, use a waterproof sunscreen and no matter what the label says, reapply it after coming out of the water.

As long as you're outdoors, reapply sunscreen every two hours and after heavy sweating.

Wear sunglasses with 100 per cent UV protection.

Check your medications to be sure they don't increase sun sensitivity. If they do, sunscreen at any strength may not give you the serious protection you need, so stay out of the sun completely.

Readers, if you have any other questions—about your mobility, your comfort, or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to Penny at penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca.

Penny Brown graduated from the University of Toronto's School of Rehabilitation Medicine as a Physical and Occupational Therapist.

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New Horizons for Seniors funding application

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands township will apply for a \$25,000 New Horizons for Seniors grant to upgrade community centre washrooms following council approval.

Projects must address one or more of the program's five objectives: volunteering, mentoring, expanding awareness of elder abuse, social participation and capital assistance.

After extended discussion about worthy projects, council decided upgrading washroom facilities at the township's community centres to accommodate seniors' accessibility needs took precedence.

Council approved the application in principle. Staff will prepare it and submit it for council's final approval at the next regular meeting on June 21.

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May 2012

TheHighlander Community Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 25 - July 4 -

- Metaluxe at the Rail's End Gallery, Friday, May 25, 5-7 p.m. opening reception and meet the Artist, Heather Inwood-Montrose, whose passion for detail is evident in her creations, which range from outdoor installations to three-dimensional wall art to jewelry with inspiration drawn from the natural beauty of the Bancroft area, nature and the many interesting people who cross her path www.railsendgallery.com

May 31 - June 2

- Haliburton-Stanhope Airport's 19th Annual Young Eagles' Days, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of powered flight by the Wright Brothers in 1903, Thursday 5-8 p.m., Friday 5-8 p.m. & Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m., FREE AIRPLANE RIDES, program for students between 8 & 17 years of age requiring consent forms from parent/guardian to participate, 705-457-5272

June

- Bike Month Kick Off, HKPR District Health Unit, celebrate the start of Bike Month by meeting other cyclists and watching cycling videos, for more information and events, contact, 705-457-1391, www.cycle.haliburton.ca

June 16

- Rails End Trash N Treasures Community Yard Sale, a FUN-raising event for Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, Head Lake Park, Haliburton Village, 8 a.m., including art exhibits, music, food, antiques, vintage stuff, plants, toys, tools & other treasures. Special features: a Butter Tart Contest from 9-11 a.m.; find out what your treasure's worth with Why Not Collect It from 10-noon; Chariot of Fire hot glassblowing demo with Artech

Studio & Lia's Glass Dreams from

11-4 p.m. To book your spot, download vendor registration information at www.railsendgallery.com, 705-457-2330

To June 22

- Haliburton Highlands Toastmasters Club 1456253 presents an 8 week public speaking course, McKeck's Blue Line, 12 noon - 1 p.m. (times negotiable), led by successful Toastmasters, this course will help individuals from all walks of life to enhance leadership, speaking and negotiating skills, for information or to register contact Sybil in Minden - 705-286-2624 or Ruth in Haliburton - 705-455-9459

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday - 24

- Ready, Set, Off to K, OEYC Minden, learn easy activities you can do with your child to help them get ready for school, 705-286-1770
- Bid Euchre, Minden Community Centre, 1-4 p.m., Bev, 705-286-3085

Friday - 25

- Abbey Gardens, Volunteer Orientation Day, 4-6 p.m., 1067 Freedom Fifty Five Drive between Camarvon & West Guilford off Highway 118, learn about volunteering with Abbey Gardens this season - meet staff, explore gardens, get involved with local food initiatives, partnerships and programing opportunities in Haliburton County, register online at www.abbeygardens.ca/volunteer.html or contact Cara Daw at abbeygardens.ai@gmail.com
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outdoor installations to three-dimensional wall art to jewelry with inspiration drawn from the natural beauty of the Bancroft area, nature and the many interesting people who cross her path www.railsendgallery.com

- Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 p.m., 705-457-2941

Saturday - 26

- Irondale Historical Society presents the Home Children Event, Minden Community Centre, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., five authors and one publisher as well as others coming to promote books and resources to educate the public about, and draw awareness to, the child migration movement that took place from 1833 to 1939, admission \$5, contact Carol Simmons for further information, 705-457-1580
- Minden & District Horticultural Society's Annual PLANT SALE, Village Green, Minden, 10 a.m. sharp, all plants are grown by society members, call Linda, 705-286-2261, for more information

Monday - 28

- Meet the Dietician, OEYC Haliburton, 10:30 am - noon, tips and ideas to help with picky eaters, introducing new foods, recipes and more, enter to win free cook book, 705-457-2989
- Monday Morning Walking Group, OEYC Minden, 10 a.m., start the week of by enjoying a walk along the boardwalk, down a nature trail or to the park, for parents and walking children or children in strollers, 705-286-1770
- Haliburton County Table Tennis Club, 6-9 p.m., St. George's Church, 617 Mountain Street, Haliburton, Mary or Jeff Martin, 705-457-2260

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- Wednesdays - lunch time Meat Draw
- Thursdays - 7:30 p.m., Euchre
- Fridays - 5-7 p.m., Fish & Chips Dinner

WILBERFORCE Branch

624 - 705-448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com

- Friday, May 25 - 7 p.m., Honours & Awards; 9 p.m. Jam Session (This week only.)
- Saturday, May 26 - Horseshoe Tournament, 11-12 noon-registration, 12:30 p.m. start, \$10 entry fee, food available
- Friday, June 1 - Ham/Scalloped Potato Dinner, 5-7 p.m.

Veterans - if you require assistance completing any DVA forms, contact your local Legion Branch (membership not required) - we are here to assist you.

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Romance writer takes the stage

New York Times best-seller gives the nitty-gritty on writing

By Douglas Pugh

On the night of Thursday, May 17, Cathy Marie Buchanan treated the packed Great Hall at Sir Sandford Fleming College to a presentation on her first novel and the road she took to get there.

The vivacious writer, giving her presentation as part of the Canadian Federation of University Women's (CFUW) public thanks for all the local support, not only performed a reading of her very successful novel – a romance set in her hometown of Niagara Falls entitled 'The Day The Falls Stood Still' – but also took the audience on a summary of her journey getting to where she is today.

A highly qualified scientist and researcher working for IBM in an extremely corporate world, switching to fiction writing started as a whim as she looked to find education in new directions and challenges.

"I was a corporate girl in a corporate world," said Buchanan. "Not only was my working life corporate, but all my friends, my whole social scene was corporate too."

Quite some plunge then to move from getting short stories

published to spending 18 months on a first draft, and a further two and a half years editing.

"It's tough knowing exactly when a book is good enough. I was advised that when you become sick of the book then it's good to go. The last time I sent it to the editor I was just praying that they didn't send it back," grinned Buchanan. "If they had... well, I'm not sure what I would have done!"

In a short space of time, however, she was hearing the book would be published in Canada, the United States, the UK and even translated into Italian.

"I like working a regular nine to five," Buchanan added. "Something ingrained after the years of working a full time job, but suddenly there were readings, book signings, tours. I got a little overwhelmed for a while."

With a selection of historical slides, Buchanan outlined her research, her character development, finding history about her hometown in detail that she never knew existed.

Buchanan also outlined her forthcoming second novel, 'The Painted Girls', and even gave a tantalising glimpse at her research into her third, based in Celtic Britain as the Romans invade.

Following the talk and a host of questions from the audience, Buchanan received tokens of appreciation from the CFUW

representatives along with another by Marilyn Hewitt, representing the Friends of The Haliburton Library.



Photo by Douglas Pugh
Canadian novelist Cathy Marie Buchanan chats with the audience in an open 'Questions and Answers' session.

From despair comes hope

World renowned speakers to come to Haliburton

By Douglas Pugh

'When life gives you lemons, learn how to make lemonade.' It's a common enough saying, and life can certainly throw a few lemons in the way.

Not many lemons, however, come much bigger than the one Gene and Carol Kent had to deal with. A telephone call in the middle of the night from their daughter in law telling them their son, a clean-living, hard-working young man serving in the United States Navy, had been arrested for murder. The trials that followed saw their son convicted for life with no chance of parole.

"We went through a lot of self questioning," said Gene Kent. "What did we do wrong? We looked for a long while for things and people to blame. It took us a while to come to the realisation that we can't see all life's problems coming, we can't prepare for everything."

Gene's wife, Carol, already a published writer, managed to capture some of the agonies they went through and the peace they finally achieved in her book 'Between a Rock and a Grace Place'. The book has sold phenomenally well worldwide, selling over 100,000 copies. It was so successful the couple not only produced an inspirational DVD, but also embarked on a series of talks around the globe.

The Kents and their son found themselves dealing with the stresses of the situation with a lot of help from their friends and their faith. A followup book called 'Living in a new kind of normal' uses letters written home from their son to explore their journey.

"We couldn't have done it without our friends – we call them our stretcher bearers after a passage from Luke – they helped us to stay engaged in the day-to-day tasks, to choose life and not withdrawal," said Gene. "You've just got to keep breathing."

"And humour too," Carol chipped in. "You have to laugh. You need humour to avoid things simply getting too heavy to bear."

They certainly are an engaging couple. Through sharing their own burden, the Kents have discovered so many others in the world with troubles.

"We get hundreds of e-mails, people dealing with far worse than we have had," said Carol. "The beauty is that they have found our words to comfort them. We think that our message of 'those that choose not to hide, enjoy the journey, find purpose and meaning' has worked for many. That is hugely uplifting."

Their message is intended to help all, crossing denominations and faiths.

"People need the positives, need to know that they are not alone, no matter how dark it seems," said Gene. "Our faith was a cornerstone through our worst nightmare, but being able to share, being able to reach out to others was instrumental too. We'd like our message to help everyone, it doesn't matter what your denomination or creed is."

The Kents are appearing at the Lakeside Baptist Church on June 6, at 7 p.m. Booked as part of the 10th anniversary celebrations for the Women's Day Together committee, both men and women are welcome to attend. Pre-registration is recommended, via mail, e-mail or personal call at the Lakeside Baptist Church. For \$10 per ticket, 'An Evening with Carol and Gene Kent' is certainly a fine investment in finding hope.

Registration details are at www.womensdaytogether.ca

Community events



Photo by George Farrell

Canoe FM volunteers line up for their supper at the Wintergreen Maple Syrup Barn.

Canoe FM volunteers feted at Wintergreen

By George Farrell

It was a festive occasion at the Wintergreen Maple Syrup & Pancake Barn in Gelert on the evening of May 10 when more than 70 Canoe FM volunteers gathered for great food, fun and games at the community radio station's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

"We always do something, but this year we decided to come to Wintergreen so that nobody had to prepare anything," said station manager Roxanne Casey.

Wintergreen specializes in outdoor barbeques, and they didn't disappoint the hungry volunteers who lined up for pulled pork, pulled roast beef, pulled turkey, spring salad, maple baked beans, and sundry desserts.

Inside Wintergreen, while they waited for dinner, the volunteers were entertained by a pseudonym game, whereby they had a name of a famous person or celebrity pinned on their backs, with prizes of gift baskets donated by hosts Diane and Tom Dawson of Wintergreen.

Although it was a lovely evening, it was too cold to eat outside so the volunteers spread themselves out over the two floors of the maple syrup emporium as Albert Saxby, playing the role of the strolling minstrel, entertained them with song.



"Our volunteers give their heart, soul and breath to Canoe FM," Casey said. "They're on-air hosts, computer gurus, gardening and maintenance workers, furniture movers, and fundraisers. They're on about five of our committees and on the board of directors."

There are a total of 92 volunteers at Canoe FM. The station has only two employees and one paid commissioned salesman, so the station depends heavily on volunteers to keep it running.

"The volunteers aren't together very much so this is the perfect opportunity for them to get together and have a good time," said Casey.

Judging by the smiles and the volume levels before, during and after dinner, having a good time is precisely what they were doing.



"Bill Giddon, 72, has been the organist for St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton since 1962."

"Bill's Concert"

Saturday, May 26, 7:30 pm
St. George's Church, Haliburton
Admission by Donation to St. George's Youth Bursary (Scholarship) Fund


Dear Friends,

I invite you to an evening of musical delights by some wonderful musicians with whom I have had the privilege of working (making music) during my past 50 years as organist and choir director at the church. Come as you are - there are no reserved seats (except for performers) - and enjoy a variety of good music - from a "Schubert Sonata" to "Turkey in the Straw"!

Please help me celebrate this milestone in God's goodness by coming out and honouring the talents of those who have helped me to enrich with music my own 50 years, and to donate generously to the further education of our church's young people.

Yours sincerely,

Bill



High school sports flash

Submitted by Judi Paul

The senior girls' soccer team had a disappointing loss to LCVI. Maia O'Sullivan scored for Haliburton on a pass from the hard-working Casey Pringle. The players of the game were Lily Coneybeare and Grace Diezel.

The junior girls' soccer team put in a good effort but was defeated by LCVI. The player of the game was Krista Duncan.

The junior girls' soccer team played a great game against Fenelon Falls and despite the loss should be very proud of their effort and amazing attitude all season.

The senior girls' soccer team played their best game of the season against Fenelon Falls Secondary School, with the final score 3-1 for the Hawks. O'Sullivan, Shay-Lynn Hutchings, and Diezel were able to capitalize on shooting opportunities.

Congratulations to the track team and the 38 athletes who qualified for COSSA. A special mention goes to first place finishers Zach Alysworth, Andrew Murray, Haley Moore, Ali Hicks, Tom Paul and Zane Zondervan. The top athlete of the day was Charlene Hicks with three first place finishes and a new Kawartha record in the triple jump.

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The Reeve's Report

Every Wednesday one of our county reeves talks with Mike Jaycock, just after the 8 a.m. news.

May 23rd, Barb Reid, Reeve of Minden Hills
May 30th, Carol Moffatt, Reeve of Algonquin Highlands
June 6th, Murray Fearrey, Reeve of Dysart et al
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